

Michigan School Readiness Program Competitive Grants 2006-2007



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Agenda

- 2006-2007 Grantees & Funding
- Eligibility - Programs & Children
- Reporting Requirements
- Review Process & Notification
- Application Process



Quick Facts

- State School Aid - 321
- \$12,250,000 -level funding
 - \$3,577,200 - continuation grants (1084 children)
first funded in 2004-2005 and 2005-2006
 - \$8,672,800 - initial (new) & expansion (2628 children)
expansion for those in continuation cycle
 - \$3,300 per child
- Length of Award
 - October 1, 2006 - September 30, 2007



Who can apply???

- Early childhood programs operated
 - By public or private non-profit agency
 - NOT local or intermediate school districts
 - Exception - fiscal agents for Head Start programs
- Certification of non-profit status



Funding Process

■ New/Initial

- minimum of 8 children
- maximum of 36 children

■ Re-competing Initial

- up to 144 children
providing they received a
minimum of 4.0 on the PQA
and this is the second re-
competition

■ Continuation

- programs applying for
2nd & 3rd year of
funding
- minimum of 8 children
- up to a maximum of
2005-2006 award

■ Expansion

- programs applying for
2nd & 3rd year who
want additional funds
- programs can expand 36
children at a time
- programs can apply only
if they have a minimum
of 4.0 on the PQA
- Programs cannot
request 144 children
until the second re-
competition



Eligible Children

- 4 years old on or before Dec. 1, 2006
- Identified by two or more risk factors
- More than 50% must be from families whose income does not exceed the family income guidelines



Factors Placing Children at Risk

- Low Birth Weight
- Developmentally Immature
- Physical and/or Sexual Abuse and Neglect
- Nutritionally Deficient
- Long-term or Chronic Illness
- Diagnosed Handicapping Condition (mainstreamed)
- Lack of a Stable Support System of Residence
- Destructive or Violent Temperament



More Risk Factors

- Substance Abuse or Addiction
- Language Deficiency or Immaturity
- Non-English or Limited English Speaking Household
- Family History of Low School Achievement or Drop Out
- Family History of Delinquency
- Family History of Diagnosed Family Problems
- Low Parental/Sibling Educational Attainment or Illiteracy
- Single Parent



More Risk Factors

- Unemployed Parent(s)
- Low Family Income
- Family Density
- Parental/Sibling Loss by Death or Parental Loss by Divorce
- Teenage Parent
- Chronically Ill Parent/Sibling
- Incarcerated Parent
- Housing in Rural or Segregated Area
- Multi-disciplinary team decision (10% of children)



Reporting Requirements

■ Financial

- Final budget detail report to MDE
- Form DS-4044
 - due within 60 days of Sept. 30, 2007
 - completed on-line

■ Program

- Mid-year Report with PQA
- Narrative Summary Report
- On-site monitoring visit



Review Process & Notification

- Peer Review System
- Approval by Superintendent
- Notified in writing



Web Site

- No applications will be mailed - unless mechanical problem 😊
- www.michigan.gov/msrpcompetitive
- Must have Adobe Acrobat Reader



Review Criteria

- Total of 180 points possible
- No points, but required:
 - Cover Page
 - Assurances and Certifications
 - 501C(3) certification for initial/expansion application; not for continuation applications



Cover Page

All Applicants

- Fill in all spaces
- Use Federal ID number
- Include correct lead contacts; for programs that subcontract, the lead contact from the subcontracting agency will receive info from MDE
- Make sure it is the correct application form
- Director original signature



Assurances

All Applicants

- Read carefully
- Required by law
- Agency director must sign and date



Project Abstract

Part B.

All Applicants

5 Points

- Statement of Needs
- Description of Project
- Project Plan
- Key Personnel
- Use this page only-
-do not say "see attached"

Project Fact Sheet

Part C.

All Applicants

5 Points

- Numbers
- Delivery Model
- Sessions/teachers
- Schedule of operations
- Contacts

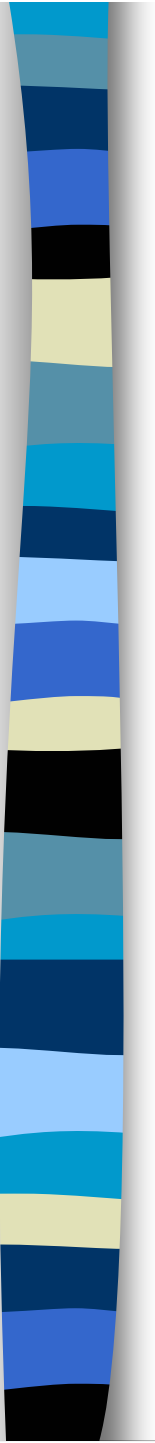


Collaboration Forms/Letters-Part D

All Applicants

10 Points

- Required from at least the following:
 - Head Start
 - Local school districts/PSAs
 - Other non-profit agencies offering free compensatory education for four-year-old children
- The above agencies must complete the Needs portion on the bottom of Part D



Narrative Program Description

120 Total Points

Initial and Expansion **ONLY**

Continuation - Questions, Changes and forms **ONLY**

■ **Statement of Need - 20 Pts.**

- Part D-bottom half of form
- Identification and description of specific problems to be addressed, target population
- Process used
- Description of previous action
- Michigan Head Start Association
(517) 374-6472 for Head Start contacts



Children Living in Attendance Area of High Priority Schools

10 points awarded

- Evidence of Adequate Yearly Progress
- Information found at www.michigan.gov/mde
- Click on “School Assessment and Accountability” in the left-hand column, click on “Adequate Yearly Progress” in the center right-hand column, then select the file titled “Media Report for the 2005 School Report Card (ZIP file containing an Excel document)” in the “What’s New” box.



Narrative continued

- **Student Recruitment & Selection - 10 Pts.**
 - Procedures to be used to recruit, identify, select participants
 - Process used to obtain necessary enrollment and data



Narrative continued

■ Proposed Project Plan - 20 Pts.

- Philosophy statement
- Comprehensive curriculum model
- Center-Based, Home-Based, or both
- Meeting the requirements
- Daily routine (center-based), or description of home visit (home-based programs)



Narrative continued

- **Supplementary Child Care - 10 Pts.**
 - Description of plan to provide full day service (wrap around) at the site where the MSRP is provided
- **Parent Involvement/Family Services 20 Pts.**
 - Plan for participation
 - Resources for families



Advisory Committee

Part E, Chart 1 - initial/expansion and continuation applications

- Members from listed agencies and others
 - Head Start
 - Local school districts/PSAs
 - Dept. of Human Services
 - Dept. of Community Health (physical and mental)
 - 4C Associations, other local provider agencies/individual child care providers
- MSRP parents
- Can be local or county-wide group
- Need projected meeting dates



Narrative continued

- **Evaluation of Project - 20 Pts.**
 - For re-competing programs, documentation of PQA Assessment conducted by an MDE consultant
 - Assessment tool used to assess individual children's growth
 - **Program objectives-Part E, Charts 2, 3 and 4**
 - Follow-up study; data for previously funded programs



Facility Description

5 Pts.

- Part F- **Chart 1 Center Applicants**
- **Chart 2 Home-based**
- Complete all boxes; use additional pages if more sites or classrooms for MSRP than one form will allow.
- All classrooms must be licensed; include correspondence for sites in the licensing process.
- Home-based - location of cluster activities and a description of home visits



Qualifications of Key Personnel

10 Pts.

- Part G Chart 1A Center Key Personnel
- Part G Chart 1B Home Visitor (Home-based program only unless a hybrid)
 - Include credentials, resumes are not acceptable
 - New initial applicants may include qualifications that will be required
 - Non-compliance issues



Key Personnel continued

All Applicants

- Part G Chart 2
- Professional Development - 10 Pts.
 - Professional development activities
 - Ongoing in-service training
 - Description of procedures used to evaluate staff and how that is used for continuous improvement



Budget

All Applicants

- Budget Summary - 5 Pts.
 - Must use \$3,300/child
 - Does not exceed 10% of total request for administrative costs & 10% for staff development
 - Original signatures
- Budget Detail - 10 Pts.
 - Related to activities in plan
 - Matches Budget Summary
 - New--use forms provided



Application Preparation

DUE - May 24, 2006

- Maximum 12 pages for narrative
- Line-spacing-1 1/2
- Font no smaller than Times 12
- Margins no smaller than .5 inches
- Pages stapled
- No binders or bindings
- Support documents - 5 pages
- Original & 4 Copies
- Checklist